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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. IN STATE 242356, YOU PASSED ALONG RABBI SCHNEIER'S REQUEST THAT WE CALL SHCHERBAKOV OF THE COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS TO ASK INFORMALLY ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE MUKACHEVO CEMETERY. WE CALLED SHCHERBAKOV LAST WEEK TO LEARN THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO TRAVEL TO THE US. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING NEW ON MUKACHEVO BUT EXPECTED TO SEE SCHNEIER IN THE US AND COULD DISCUSS THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH HIM. WE PREFER TO KEEP THIS QUESTION IN THE SCHNEIER-SHCHERBAKOV CHANNEL TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND WILL HOLD OFF CONTACTING THE MFA.

2. AS REQUESTED IN STATE 227728, WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT ON NOVEMBER 10, JAMES MAY WROTE TO PETER T. HIGGINS, HIS CAREER COUNSELOR, GIVING FOLLOWING LIST OF PREFERENCES, IN DESCENDING ORDER; PARIS-OECD VICE FORRESTER; GENEVA VICE WILLIAMSON; GENEVA VICE MARKS; FRANKFURT VICE BECKER; STUTTGART VICE SCHMELZER; VANCOUVER VICE BUCHANAN; PARIS-OECD VICE COMRAS; CANBERRA VICE FROST. MAY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
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EARLY READOUT SOV CAN OBTAIN ON HIS CHANCES.

3. SCHEDULE FOR CONSULTATIONS LOOKS FINE. WOULD OF COURSE LIKE TO LOOK IN ON GEORGE VEST IF HE IS IN WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME.
TOON

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